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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SWEDISH STATEMENT ON UN SPECIAL SESSION ON
DISARMAMENT (SSOD)

REF: (A) STATE 67338, (B) STOCKHOLM 669

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FOREIGN MINISTER KARIN SODER MADE
THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO SSOD DURING SPEECH DELIVERED
TO RIKSDAG ON MARCH 30 AS PART OF GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY
DEBATE:

2. BEGIN QUOTE. IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, THE GOVERNMENT
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WILL BE PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE PREPARATIONS FOR
THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT TO BE HELD IN THE
SPRING OF 1978. THE DECISION TO CONVENE THIS SESSION
WAS MADE LAST AUTUMN AS A RESULT OF GROWING IMPATIENCE
AMONG THE MAJORITY OF UN MEMBER STATES ABOUT THE LACK OF
RESULTS IN DISARMAMENT WORK. DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS IN
GENEVA AND AT THE UNITED NATIONS HAD NOT LED TO ANY REAL

HEADWAY DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS, EVEN IF WORKING TEMPO HAD SPEEDED UP CONSIDERABLY. THE ATMOSPHERE AT THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE HAS IMPROVED RECENTLY. THEREFORE, THE IMPORTANT WORK OF PREPARATION FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT STARTING THIS WEEK IN NEW YORK WILL BE MARKED BOTH BY IMPATIENCE AND GREATER OPTIMISM ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF GETTING RESULTS.

"WORK DONE DURING THE SESSION ITSELF AND IN ITS PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, WHERE SWEDEN IS ONE OF 54 MEMBERS, WILL IN ALL PROBABILITY BE DOMINATED BY NUCLEAR WEAPON ISSUES. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE WORLD'S STATES DEMAND OF THE SUPER-POWERS THAT THEY AT LONG LAST FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATIONS AS REGARDS NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS SOON TO START ON A TOTAL TEST BAN SHOULD AIM AT ACHIEVING THE CONCLUSION OF A DRAFT TREATY BEFORE THE SESSION BEGINS.

"AN INCREASINGLY URGENT ISSUE, AND ONE THAT IS EXPECTED TO BE ONE OF THE MAIN SUBJECTS AT THE SESSION, IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE NOW STARTED STUDYING THE PROBLEM OF HOW TO DRAW UP PRINCIPLES FOR RELEASING PART OF THE ENORMOUS RESOURCES NOW DEVOTED TO ARMAMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. END QUOTE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: EMBASSY PLANS FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH MFA FOLLOWING RETURN TO STOCKHOLM OF LARS-GORAN ENGFELDT NOW IN NEW YORK AT FIRST PREPCOM. GIVEN SODER'S REFERENCE TO THE "CONNECTION BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT," THE FACT THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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GOS IS NOW IN PROCESS OF DRAWING UP "PRINCIPLES FOR RELEASING PART OF THE ENORMOUS RESOURCES NOW DEVOTED TO ARMAMENTS" FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES, AND CONCERN OF US, BRITISH AND PROBABLY OTHERS OVER SUCH CONNECTION, EMBASSY REQUEST POLICY GUIDANCE WHICH CAN BE USED POSSIBLY TO URGE GOS MODERATION IN THIS AREA.
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